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DETECTING AND REWARDING THE
RETURN OF SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Group: Not Yet Known

Examiner: Not Yet Known

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

The enclosed references were cited in a Search Report dated February 20, 2001 from corresponding German priority application 100 19 941.0, copy enclosed. Of the non-english language references cited DE 693 10 758 T2 was cited as category Y (publication which

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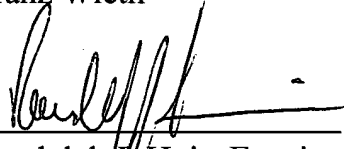
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places inventive activity (as defined under section 43 PatG) or inventive step (in accordance with section 7 GebrMG) in question when considered in connection with another publication) with respect to claim 1. DE 692 15 842 T2, and in particular claim 12, was cited as category Y and category A (technological background) with respect to claims 2, 4 and 5. EP 04 35 225 B1 was cited as category Y with respect to claim 6.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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